

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance mailed October 26, 2006, and the accompanying Examiner's Amendment.

Applicants wish to make a few minor clarifying amendments. It is believed that these amendments do not affect patentability of the claims.

In line 4 of claim 59 of the Examiner's Amendment, there was a superfluous "and." In line 6 of the same claim, there was a superfluous "of." Applicants have deleted these. Additionally, Applicants have amended "comprising the ceramic precursor" to "containing the ceramic precursor" in claims 54, 55, 57, and 59. No new matter has been added.

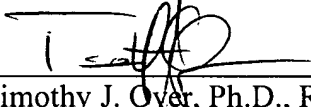
If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event that an extension is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 23/2825, referencing docket no. H0498.70155US00.

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